Boy Scout Troop 201
Minutes of Committee Meeting 09/01/2026
Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. **Opening of Meeting:** Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:
Stephanie Helgeson, Jeff Helgeson, Andrew Maiman, Rachel Lefkoff, David Martin, Richard Martin, Teddy Tong, May Guo, Mike Lee, Amy Zheng, Michelle Hu, Tim Rolston, Julie Martin, Laura Wang, Jenny Rolston, Alex Law, Raymond Lie, Uzma Hassan

II. **Reading of Reports:**

A. Head of Charter Organization: Will check with the American Legion to see if we can have our awards/advancement night on September 29th

B. Troop Committee Chair: No update.

C. Troop Secretary: We are looking at 51 boys so far but due to Troop 267 closing down there are more boys looking to transfer over. We'll know more after the first few meetings. Troop dues will stay at $65 per scout. Class B starter kits will stay at $60 for this year.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Eagle Projects
    - Alex Helgeson and Aiden Chen completed their projects, had their BOR on 8/14 and are officially our two newest Eagle Scouts. We'll look to schedule the ECOH when they are both back from school – may not be until June.
- Summer Camp went very well. The boys had a great time at Nobe Bosco, and the camp ran a great program. Our boys also had their own campfire and put on their own show/skits one night. Even though the camp did not have electricity the first few days no one noticed. There was power in the dining hall. The boys would not mind going back next year but are open to other ideas. We'll look at a few other camps, see what they offer and dates and bring it to a vote. Thanks to Mike Lee, David Corporan and David Martin for attending with me and the boys.
- 2026 Scouting America National Jamboree took place from July 22 to July 31, 2026, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia. Other than National buses that were old and broke down several times, the experience was great. Boys had a wonderful time, and they recommend the event when it takes place again in 4 years.
- Philmont 2026 went well. The hike was 10 days but felt much shorter. It wasn't the easiest trip and a few of the adults struggled with the high altitude and the hike, but the boys help the adults get through it – they didn't seem to have the same issues with altitude sickness. We did get to enjoy the various activities that the program offered throughout the trip. Thanks to Teddy Tong and John Guiliano who joined me on this trip.
- As a group we reviewed the calendar of events for this year. Decided to skip the September trip due to no time to prep. We are looking to change some of the trips (ex. Drop the ski trip in January, go to Maritime for their March program or sleep on a battleship) and some trips the boys want to keep (ex. Harriman in November & April, whitewater rafting in May). We will keep adjusting the calendar as needed but most of the dates are set, just details on where to go will be updated.
- Alpine is offering Winter Camp again for $325 (early bird price which expires 10/15) so need to see who is interested and get 2 parents to attend.

- Will look to hold OE election in December. There has been a request for a high adventure trip to be added to summer 2027 to Summit (we have 2 crews going to Sea Base already). If we don't have enough interest, then a scout can attend with the OE program.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Current balance is $24,471.66 as of 8/31/2026. We will reconcile Philmont expenses and issue refunds or collect another payment if needed.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: We are waiting for the price of the wreaths from Hicks Nursery in order to place our order. Suggested to update the bow and pinecones. Will try to get samples of both but everyone agreed if the bow is big enough and it is 1/3 of the cost to make the change. And to get the biggest pinecones possible with the plastic steams. Scouts need to sell 18 wreaths at $25 each. Siblings sell 12 wreaths at $25 each. Wreath pick up will be on 11/21 at the American Legion. The key is to presell wreaths so after picking them up you can assemble and deliver to customers. Any wreaths that a scout can't sell can be brought to St. Aidan's on 11/29 to sell. If wreaths are not sold scouts are still responsible to turn in the total amount (18*$25=$450) due to the troop.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Now that we know what the boys are interested in, we will start to investigate prices/accommodations/locations and start planning out all the trips.

H. Training Coordinator: No updates

I. Registration Coordinator: Renewals due for those expiring in August & September. New transfer scouts are coming in and being accepted in the system.

J. Advancement Coordinator:

- Need to purchase badges for those earned at summer camp and on their own by meeting with counselors. Over 125 badges have been earned this summer.

K. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

L. Equipment Coordinator: Need to clean up and organize the container. Review what's in boxes and reallocate as needed and our Quartermaster has suggested a better way to track equipment.

M. Website Coordinator: Speak to Mrs. Dinda to help with website and with newspaper articles.

N. New Business: Will look to see if Troop 267 has any equipment they want to donate to our Troop.

Log on to the troop website at www.troop201ny.com for updates on the troop calendar and activities, and photos from recent events. Log on to the council web site at www.trcbsa.org for links to adult training, and information on programs offered by Shelter Rock District and Theodore Roosevelt Council.